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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION NORTH ALVERNON AND EAST BROADWAY

The Tucson Police Department was notified of a collision involving a large passenger van and a pedestrian, which occurred just south of the intersection of North Alvernon Way and East Broadway Boulevard at approximately 8:39 a.m. on the morning of March 7, 2012. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the scene of the collision and quickly learned that the pedestrian was suffering from life threatening injuries. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department also responded and ultimately transported the pedestrian to a local hospital for emergency medical treatment. The pedestrian, later identified as **Rito Perez (55-years old)**, succumbed to his injuries while at the hospital and was pronounced deceased. Next of kin have been notified. The large passenger van was specifically identified as a 2007 El Dorado Arrowlite Bus.

Detectives with the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene of the collision in order to further the investigation. They interviewed witnesses as well as examined and collected roadway evidence at the scene. Their investigation revealed that Mr. Perez had initially been riding a Sun Tran bus that was traveling northbound on North Alvernon Way in the outside (closest to the eastern curb) through lane. The bus came to a stop in the roadway just south of the intersection, and Mr. Perez got off the bus after telling the driver that he needed to catch a different bus. Mr. Perez exited the bus from the rear doors, stepping out into the northbound, right turn lane of North Alvernon Way. A large passenger van was traveling northbound in the right turn lane. It struck Mr. Perez as he was stepping out into the lane, directly in the path of the passenger van. No other persons were injured as a result of the collision. No citations were issued, as there were no violations of the law.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2011 - 7

2 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
1 Motorcycle

For 2012 - 8

1 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
3 Motorcycle

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